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Contra Costa County Seeks Reentry Legal Services for Central County AB 109 County Issues Requests for Qualifications Tied to Public Safety Realignment

Ex-offenders returning home after serving terms of incarceration face an assortment of barriers to reentry, many of which are related to legal issues. Assistance in securing an occupational or driver's license, expunging criminal records, and resolving inappropriate denials of housing or employment are all legal services that can help stabilize the lives of individuals and families.

With that goal, Contra Costa County's Board of Supervisors is soliciting responses from qualified individuals or agencies to provide a range of legal services to bolster the transition for those released to County supervision following California's Public Safety Realignment, AB 109.

The Board is making available a total of \$80,000 for reentry legal services for AB 109 clients residing in Central County, for a contract period of October 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released Wednesday, July 31.

Supervisor Federal D. Glover, Chair of the Board and a member of the County's Public Protection Committee, says Contra Costa has been a leader among counties in its approach to implementing Realignment. "Civil legal assistance can play a critical role in addressing barriers to successful reintegration into the community for the formerly incarcerated," Glover added.

Private, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, public agencies, individuals, and not-for-profit institutions of education with experience in providing legal services to low-income individuals with a history of involvement in the criminal justice system are invited to submit Responses.

Responses are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2013. Additional information and RFQ copies are available at website: http://www.co.contracosta.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=2366 or by calling (925) 335-1097.